# A Tribute to the "Lightest, Simplest, and Most Accurate Corn Planter."

Editors Progressive Farmer:

Corn cultivation being an end, I am reminded that once a man has cultivated a field planted with a good planter he will always want a planter: the crop is so much easier to cultivate than when dropped by hand.

But I did not intend to tell how to plant corn, but to give you a joke on the writer about buying planters, my first corn drill was an "Albany" -heavy, unwieldy thing it was-but planted in straight row. Since the time of the "Albany" I have had three other makes, all bought away from home, all heavy to handle, and two bought since the Cole Manufacturing Company built their factory in sight of my road to town. The joke on me is this: I did not investigate the Cole planter; never thought of it; just ordered from the West without once looking for the best thing right at my door.

One day at freight depot "old hoss sale," I bought a Cole planter just because it was at an auction. It was taken to the farm and left at tool shed. I thought I had no use for it. One day a gear broke on planter we had at work; we got the Cole to try, but had little faith in it. When two rows were planted, the man who did the work said to me: "Mr. Moore this is the best planter we ever had on the farm. Why, it is as easy to hold true as is a 'jay-bird plow."

I do not know the Cole Company. Charlotte is now a large city. A man cannot know all the business concerns here-no one has asked me to write about a tool I see advertised in your paper. I am not complimenting the Cole Company. This letter is to tell about the lightest, simplest, most accurate corn planter I have ever used or saw. I think when a farmer finds out a good tool he should tell about it, even if built right at home, and he finds out its good points by accident, as I did in this case.

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The Agricultural and Mechanical College at Raleigh will open Thursday, September 1. Entrance examinations will be held Tuesday and Wednesday, August 30 and 31, at 9 a. m. Examinations to remove conditions will be held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, according to schedule. Students examined for entrance or to remove conditions at other times than the above will be charged one dollar for each examination. Registration on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Registration after Thursday, September 1, will cost one dollar. Rooms will not be reserved in the college dormitories after September 1.

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